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SUBJECT: MEMORANUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) ON USE OF
GERMAN AIRFIELDS BY US FORCES

REF: (A) BONN 2957 (B) BONN 599 (C) STATE 247153

1. FOLLOWING IS PRELIMINARY DEPT AND DOD EVALUATION OF
DISCUSSIONS REPORTED REF A. DEFINITIVE GUIDANCE MUST
AWAIT RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF FRG REVISED DRAFT.

2. RE FRG CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEMS: OUR VIEW EXPRESSED
PARA 2 REF C IS WITHDRAWN. FRG REDRAFT ARTICLE 5 (PARA
5 REF A), IF MODIFIED AS INDICATED PARA 7 REF A,
SATISFIES USG REQUIREMENT FOR PLANS WHICH, PRIOR TO
DECLARATION SIMPLE ALERT BY NATO, ACCORD TO US AIR
TRANSPORT MOVEMENTS PRIORITIES REQUIRED FOR THE EFFECTIVE
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ACCOMPLISHMENT OF THE US DEFENSE MISSION. DESPITE

FRG COMMENTS PARA 2 REF A, WE ASSUME FRG CONSIDERS
MODIFIED REDRAFT RESOLVES CONSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM.REQUEST
EMBASSY CONFIRM.

3. RE 30-DAY PROVISION IN ARTICLE 3 US DRAFT MOU: IF
EMBASSY SATISFIED FRG INCAPABLE OF COORDINATING PLANS
WITHIN 30-DAY PERIOD, TENTATIVE FRG POSITION IN PARA 4
REF A, IS ACCEPTABLE.

4. RE FRG REDRAFT ARTICLE 1 AND PARA 6 REF A: WE
CONCUR IN US REPS SUGGESTION AND AWAIT CLARIFICATION IN
FRG REDRAFT.

5. RE FRG REDRAFT ARTICLE 5: SEE PARA 2 ABOVE.

6. RE FRG REDRAFT ARTICLE 6 AND PARA 8 REF A: WE CONCUR
IN US REPS POSITION AND AWAIT FRG REVISED REDRAFT RE-
FLECTING SUITABLE CLARIFICATION.

7. RE FRG REDRAFT ARTICLES 2 AND 3: IN VIEW OF PARA 3
REF A, FRG REDRAFT APPEARS ACCEPTABLE, SUBJECT TO FINAL
EVALUATION OF FRG MINUTE OF UNDERSTANDING.

8. DEPARTMENT AND DEFENSE DEFER TO EMBASSY RECOMMENDATION
(REF B) THAT USG NOT PROPOSE INDEMNIFICATION ARTICLE AT
THIS TIME AND THAT FINAL DECISION ON THE MATTER BE
DELAYED UNTIL RESULTS OF FUTURE WORKING SESSIONS WITH
FRG REPRESENTATIVES CAN BE ASSESSED. KISSINGER

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